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The Establishment of the New Japan Through
Renunciation of Radical Renovation

(The Yomiuri Shimbun, Oche 14,11933):

I have no liberty to talk about the concrete contents of the coming five ministers conference, but I believe that it is essential for as to consider in the conference the unification of the fundamental ideas regarding "How to re-establish Japan?"

What are we to do for that purpose? Are we to establish such a state as Russia or the United States? There lies a problem involving the reconstruction of all the national policies, national defence, diplomacy, and finance.

Should this fundamental problem be solved, other problems will be naturally settled. It is far from truth to say that there are differences of opinions among the ministers in connection with the fundamental ideas. Can there be any? How should Japan be reconstructed? The fundamental idea of her reconstruction is shown by her withdrawal from the League of Nations and by the Imperial Rescript promulgated on the occasion. But Japan's intention is not to abrogate her international cooperation, but to make her earnest endeavors for world peace. Based on this basic idea, our country should excert herself for the promotion of the peaceful relations with other countries of the world, but in the present times, when the powers are fortified

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with arms, Japan also should be armed in such a manner as to counterbalance such Powers. Such balance of armament is necessary for the preservation of peace.

But the Japanese Army exists for execution of virtues, rectifying evils and injustice and it never challenges positively. Some of us have such a mistaken idea as Japan intends to challenge Russia, but this is a great misunderstanding. But if any country should menace to upset her national morality, then she must not hesitate to rise with arms with firm determination.

On the other hand, it is the duty of those who are in charge of the Administration to remove nation-wide uneasiness pervading every class of the people and to take measures to let all of them pursue their occupation in peace at home. This internal problem will be naturally solved by unanimous agreement of the above-mentioned fundamental idea and about this the Army is greatly concerned from the point of national defence.

In these days, accusations are heard, charging the Army with its arrogance. If there is anything unjustifiable about the attitude of the Army, it should be openly blamed. If such blames are well grounded, the Army is willing to submit itself to rectification, but not a few Japanese start false rumors about the action of the Army for their own profiteering speculation and scatter filthy gold for the acquisition of their undeserved social positions with the intention of grasping the

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in the real sense of the word.

Under those circumstances, it is next to impossible reconstruct the Japanese empire which upholds justice as her
imporishable emblem, no matter how powerfully her army may be
equiped. Nor can she expect to achieve successful development in
diplomacy. The immovable establishment of this fundamental belief
is the mission of the new Japan and it is the indispensable
prorequisite for planning of various measures and their fulfillment. With this belief, I lay special emphasis on this in the
five ministers conference.

Others look upon the Army as Fascists, but if Fascism had been practicable in Japan, it would have been realized long ago. Japan is not such a country as Italy, Russia or Germany. One country has the ideals of her own. We often hear of "ARAKTism", but -ism is not necessary for our country, as it is a standard of defining. I clearly declare that I am not a Fascist myself.

This is, in short, what I emphasize in the five ministers conference and I believe it is the essence of the reconstruction of the New Japan. On the condition of the establishment of this great belief and its immediate realization, I could agree to curtailing military expenditures from the budget to meet the

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general requirements of the state and advancing munitions expenitures to other departments, say, the relief of rural comnunities. But if this fundamental belief is not established, it is absurd to claim the insufficiency of the appropriation of the budget or to start the rumor of war. Def. Doc. No. 1885

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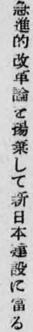
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